BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF OCTOBER 6, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chairman Feirer at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Ed Wagner, Dave LaFontaine, and Don Krueger
EXCUSED: Josh Hansen
ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Brehm; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Panzer; Wastewater Superintendent Dickrell; Finance Director Strey; Assistant Finance Director Hanson; Parks & Recreation Director Englehart; Jim Kleinschmidt – Strand Associates; Gary Gray; the media and others.

Citizen Comments
None

City Engineer Turchi and Street Superintendent Panzer presented a construction update to the Board of Public Works.

PW08-102 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Krueger to recommend approval of the bid submitted by Maurer Roofing, Inc. of Marshfield, WI for replacement and/or repairs to the roof structures at both the Oak Avenue Community Center and the Senior Community Center buildings at a cost of $48,800 and authorize execution of a contract.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Director of Public Works Knoeck reviewed State Statutes regarding motorized wheel chairs on City streets. Generally, motorized wheel chairs are regulated in much the same way as bicycles. Chair users typically choose to use the streets because there are fewer joints in streets than in sidewalks. Joints in sidewalks feel rough in a wheel chair even though there is no vertical offset in the adjacent sidewalk slabs. Also, negotiating curb ramps with a wheel chair is typically rougher than staying in the street due to the incline, domes and crossing curb & gutter. State Statutes do allow municipalities to prohibit operation of motorized wheel chairs on roadways under their jurisdiction having a speed limit over 25 MPH, which are so designated by ordinance.

Jim Kleinschmidt, Strand Associates, Inc., presented the Wastewater Utility Rate Review.
PW08-103 Motion by Krueger, second by Wagner to recommend that the proposed Wastewater Utility Rates as presented in Table 3 be adopted with an effective date of January 1, 2009, and refer an ordinance change to the Common Council for consideration.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Brenda Hanson presented the Machinery & Equipment Rate Study and proposed rates for 2009.
PW08-104 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Wagner to recommend approval of Resolution No. 2008-37 regarding Machinery & Equipment Rates and refer to the Common Council for consideration.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PW08-105 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Wagner to recommend approval of Resolution No. 2008-38 regarding Wastewater Utility Machinery & Equipment Rates and refer to the Common Council for consideration.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PW08-106 Motion by Wagner, second by Krueger to adjourn to closed session at 5:57 PM pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Chapter 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.
Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Present in Closed Session: Aldermen Feirer, Krueger, Wagner and LaFontaine; City Administrator Brehm; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi.

PW08-107 Motion by Krueger, second by LaFontaine to reconvene in open session at 6:15 PM.
Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried

There was no action taken in open session on the closed session item.

Recommend items for future agendas:
None

Motion by Krueger, second by LaFontaine that the meeting be adjourned at 6:16 PM.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary
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